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Wednesday, Aug. 25, 1915.

One bill that the village of Bennington ought to settle promptly is that of an attractive South street young woman. Sunday afternoon after the heavy shower the young lady started out to call on a girl friend. She did not notice it but the heavy rainfall and consequent high water in the gutters had loosened the wooden cover to the manhole of the drain for surface water at the foot of South street hill. The girl in her new Sunday suit stepped on the cover as is the custom in crossing the street at that point. The cover tipped letting her drop into the muddy water of the drain, spoiling her dress and damaging her other clothes. It would look as though she has a just claim against the village.

Newspaper publishers are condemning the publicity department of the Panama-Pacific exposition for not making an advertising appropriation but instead "working" the editors for free notices. The protest is proper but a little late.—Rutland Herald.

We are inclined to believe, though, that the Vermont papers at least did not give this exposition as much free space as they gave its predecessors. Little by little even the country papers are learning that their space is their stock in trade and there is no more reason why they should give it away than that the grocers should give away flour, sugar and tea or that a bank should loan money without interest. A reasonable charge should be made for every line designed to return an income or published in any instance where a profit is derived. The reason that practically all country papers are not prosperous is that they are too generous to local institutions and societies and likewise too easy victims of publicity hunting space grafters.

Alfalfa growing in Vermont was started by the late Charles C. Jones, superintendent of the Colgate farms. At the time of his death in the sinking of the Titanic he had perfected plans to grow alfalfa more extensively, having found by experiment that it could be done successfully here. Since then alfalfa has been grown with success at various points in Vermont. Probably the best field of alfalfa in this section is that of Charles A. Breese, just over the state line in Hootick. Mr. Breese has a five acre field of alfalfa from which on June 18 he cut six tons of hay. A second cutting of the same field on July 29 yielded eight tons more. At the present time there is a third growth that will yield better than a ton to the acre. Mr. Breese has another field of three acres which he sowed to alfalfa on June 22. The stand there is now from 12 to 16 inches in height. Mr. Breese invites anybody interested to call and see his crop of alfalfa. It is evident that alfalfa is a crop which can be grown successfully in southern Vermont at least.

By order of the Village Trustees,
S. A. Burt,
Chairman of Police Committee.
Patrick Brazil,
Chief of Police.
Attest: W. P. Hogan,
Village Clerk.
Bennington, Vt., August 7th, 1915.

And There Was No Relief.
A sad-eyed man turned his back on the magazine stand and sighed in distress.

"What's the matter?" asked the news dealer. "Can't you find what you want?"

"I should say not," the sad-eyed man replied. "And every month, it seems to me, things get worse. I want to buy a popular magazine—popular, I said—that isn't just like every other popular magazine in America. Why doesn't some one get out a magazine and call it the Relief? If an editor only knew what to omit, he could become famous over night." "It sounds logical," the dealer agreed. "Let's hear some more." The sad-eyed man drew out an envelope, on the back of which he had scribbled some notes.

"Here's the whole plan in a nutshell," he said. "Read this list." And the list was as follows:
No girl head on the cover.
No "blatant" above our own stuff.
No special war correspondence.
No illustrations by James Montgomery Flagg.
Nothing about Walter Johnson or "Ty" Cobb.
No magazine love verse.
No back-to-the-farm junk.
No article on efficiency.
Nix on Robert Chambers.
And no editorial on "Youth."—Kansas City Star.

NOTICE!

To the Tax Payers of the Bennington A Rate Bill has been placed in my hands for collection as follows:
80 cents on the dollar on the Grand List of 1915.

I hereby demand payment of said taxes, and notify you that I will attend at the Bennington County Savings Bank from 9 o'clock a. m. until 4 o'clock p. m.

There will be a discount of 4 per cent. on above tax if paid within 90 days.

C. H. DEWEY, Treasurer.
Bennington, Vt., July 15, 1915.

Covered Bridges

Here and there one notes with regret the passing of a Vermont covered bridge and its necessary replacement by a modern steel structure. This inevitable change must be deplored by lovers of a purely characteristic Vermont institution.

Vermont covered bridges are a constant wonder to observers who have any love for fine timber, good workmanship and native ingenuity. Built mostly of heavy lattice-work, fastened snugly together with hand made, oak pins, roofed in, shingled and sided, some of these bridges have stood for a century, with such repairs as new weatherboards, shingles and woi, floors have called for.

Lovers of town history might tell us who designed these singularly efficient and picturesque structures, who sawed the sound, clear timbers, who shaped the oak pegs, who cut the shingles and probably forged the nails. Certainly their work indicates the finished craftsman, and humble fame is no more than their just desert.

As features of the landscape, covered bridges in Vermont and New England are distinctly sui generis. They are probably original with our sturdy pioneers and home trained engineers. They bridge many a rock bound, tree-shaded, beautiful, brawling stream with a weathered span that has delighted artists and inspired poets.

Before they pass, every lover of quiet, rugged Vermont should photograph these bridges and file the prints with their treasures of nature and art. It will only be a few years when the steel truss, ugly, ungainly, and angular must replace the covered bridge and its memory should not pass.

Not only would such pictures be lasting records of beauty, but a permanent tribute to the skill and energy of our forefathers.—Rutland Herald.

Promotion Without Examination
Few schools now rely entirely upon examinations as a test for promotion, declares W. S. Deffenbaugh, Chief of the Division of School Administration of the U. S. Bureau of Education, in his annual review of school conditions in the smaller cities.

In some schools examinations are made to count one-half, while in others they count only one-fourth. It is now recognized that examinations are not true tests of the pupil's ability to do the next grade's work, and that a pupil should not be promoted on what he knows, but on what he can do. Of 756 superintendents in the smaller cities reported, 659 say that they are now depending on examinations much less than formerly.—Burlington News.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

ARTHUR TROMBLEY
vs.
LOUISA TROMBLEY.

WHEREAS, Arthur Trombley of Readsboro, in the County of Bennington, in the State of Vermont, on the 21st day of April A. D. 1915, filed in the office of the Clerk of the County Court for said County of Bennington, his libel for divorce against Louisa Trombley, setting forth in substance that he was, on the 29th day of May A. D. 1900, lawfully married to the said Louisa Trombley and that he and the said Louisa Trombley lived together as husband and wife from that time until about the 22nd day of December 1907; that the libellant has resided at Readsboro in said County of Bennington since the 5th day of July 1910; that he has faithfully kept the marriage covenant during said coverture, but that the said libellee, on her part has not kept the marriage covenant, but has violated the same; for that the said libellee, on the 22nd day of December A. D. 1907, wilfully deserted said libellant and has continued such desertion hitherto for more than three consecutive years.

AND praying that the bonds of matrimony between him and the said libellee be dissolved, and that he be granted a Bill of Divorce.

AND WHEREAS, it having been made to appear by satisfactory proof by way of affidavit of the said libellant, Arthur Trombley, filed in the office of said County Clerk on the 21st day of April 1915, that the said libellee, Louisa Trombley, is without this state in parts unknown to said libellant and that he has made diligent inquiry and does not know where the said libellee resides.

AND WHEREAS, at the June Term 1915 of said County Court, the hearing of said cause was continued to the December Term 1915 of said County Court.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, that the libellant notify the libellee of the pendency of said petition and summon her to appear at the term of the County Court to be held at Bennington, within and for the County of Bennington, on the first Tuesday in December 1915, on the first day thereof, and answer to the same, by causing the substance of said petition and this order to be published three weeks successively in the Bennington Banner & Reformer, a newspaper printed at Bennington, in said County, the last publication to be at least six weeks previous to the commencement of said term.

Dated at Bennington, in said County, this 21st day of August 1915.
Jacob J. Shashober,
Clerk.

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A Rate Bill has been placed in my hands for collection as follows:
80 cents on the dollar for the Village Tax, 20 cents on the dollar for the Highway Tax on the Grand List of 1915.

I hereby demand payment of said taxes, and notify you that I will attend at the Bennington County Savings Bank from 9 o'clock a. m. until 4 o'clock p. m.

There will be a discount of 4 per cent. on Village tax if paid within 90 days.

C. H. DEWEY, Treasurer.
Bennington, Vt., July 15, 1915

NOTICE!

To the Tax Payers of the Town of Bennington:

A Rate Bill of the Town Taxes of 1915 has been placed in my hands for collection as follows: 80 cents on the dollar for the Town Tax, 20 cents on the dollar for the Town Highway Tax, 45 cents on the dollar for the Town District School Tax.

I hereby demand payment of said taxes, and notify you that I will attend at the Bennington County Savings Bank from 9 o'clock a. m. until 4 o'clock p. m.

There will be a discount of 4 per cent. on Town tax if paid within 90 days.

C. H. DEWEY, Treasurer.
Bennington, Vt., July 15, 1915.

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